

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1514

Introduced by Assembly Member Villines

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 60.9 of the Labor Code, relating to occupational safety and health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1514, as introduced, Villines. Occupational safety and health.

Existing law establishes an occupational safety unit and an occupational health unit within the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to assist in the performance of occupational health and safety functions assigned to the division by law, and requires the division to provide for laboratory services and service personnel with respect to occupational health matters by interagency agreement, by contract with a private sector laboratory, by establishment of a laboratory within the division, or by a combination of those means. If the division contracts with the private sector for laboratory services, that law requires the division to enter into an interagency agreement with the State Department of Health Services for quality control and performance evaluation of the contract laboratory and analysis of nonroutine laboratory samples.

This bill would delete the requirement that the division enter into an interagency agreement with the State Department of Health Services for quality control and performance evaluation of the contract laboratory and analysis of nonroutine laboratory samples if the division contracts with the private sector for laboratory services.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 60.9 of the Labor Code is amended to read:

60.9. There is within the Division of Occupational Safety and Health an occupational health unit and an occupational safety unit, which shall assist in the performance of occupational health functions and occupational safety functions, respectively, assigned to the division by law. There is also within the occupational health unit an occupational carcinogen control unit responsible for implementing the division's obligations pursuant to the Occupational Carcinogens Control Act of 1976 (Part 10 (commencing with ~~See: Section 9000~~) of Division 5). The division, in performing its responsibilities under this code, shall provide for laboratory services and service personnel with respect to occupational health matters by interagency agreement with the State Department of Health Services or another public entity, by contract with a private sector laboratory, or by establishment of a laboratory within the division, or by a combination thereof. ~~In the event that the division contracts with the private sector for laboratory services, the division shall enter into an interagency agreement with the State Department of Health Services for quality control and performance evaluation of the contract laboratory as well as analysis of nonroutine laboratory samples.~~